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SENATE GOP POLICY CHAIRMAN BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER MEANWHILE SAID HE THOUGHT SENATE HEARINGS ON THE SOVIET BUILDUP IN CUBA SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

SENATE REPUBLICANS DISCUSSED THE CUBAN SITUATION AT TODAY'S WEEKLY POLICY LUNCHEON, WITH GOP LEADER EVERETT M. DIRKSEN REPORTING THAT HE IS CONTINUING HIS SEARCH FOR FACTS ON WHAT HAPPENED IN THE ILL-FATED BAY OF PIGS INVASION.

HICKENLOOPER TOLD NEWSMEN HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL NON-CLASSIFIED TESTIMONY TAKEN BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE BAY OF PIGS INCIDENT MADE PUBLIC. BUT HE ADMITTED NO REPUBLICAN ON THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE A POINT OF URGING ITS RELEASE.

HICKENLOOPER AT THE SAME TIME SAID HE THOUGHT THE LATIN-AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE UNDER SEN. WAYNE MORSE, D-ORE., WHICH HEARD SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK REPORT LAST WEEK ON SOVIET STRENGTH OF CUBA, SHOULD CONTINUE ITS HEARINGS. HICKENLOOPER SAID HE WAS SURPRISED WHEN MORSE ANNOUNCED THE HEARINGS WERE OVER WITH TESTIMONY BY RUSK AND CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE.

HICKENLOOPER REPORTED THAT THE REPUBLICANS ALSO DISCUSSED THE "RANSOM" OF CUBAN PRISONERS AND THE QUESTION OF HOW THE DRUGS AND OTHER MATERIAL GIVEN TO FIDEL CASTRO WERE PROCURED. NO CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED, HE SAID.

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